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Re: Application of Tomoyuki MAEDA; Soichi OIKAWA; Takeshi IWASAKI;
Futoshi NAKAMURA; Hiroshi SAKAI; Kenji SHIMIZU; and Akira
SAKAWAKI
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR
THE MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, AND MAGNETIC READ/WRITE
APPARATUS
Assignee: **Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba and SHOWA DENKO K.K.**
Our Ref: Q79246

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ a copy of the International Application.
- ☒ five (5) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9).
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR and other references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference listed in the PTO/SB/08 A & B, except for U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>19</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=		x	\$50.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=		x	\$200.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
Search Fee*									<u>\$400.00</u>
Examination Fee*									<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE									<u>\$900.00</u>
Recordation of Assignment									<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<u>TOTAL FEE</u>									<u>\$940.00</u>

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority/Benefit is claimed from:

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Japan	2003-434826	December 26, 2003
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